

**Jennings County Commissioner Meeting
November 9, 2017**

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

First on the agenda was Chris Ertel with Old National Bank with loan closing documents for two Mack Trucks being purchased by the County Highway. Mr. Ertel explained that he had brought the check for the purchase in the amount of \$332,954.00 with a waiver to be signed by Seymour Mack Sales upon delivery.

Next Ellie Bright, County Attorney, had an agreement for professional services between the County of Jennings and Cohen & Malad, LLP (the FIRM). Mrs. Bright recommends that the Commissioners sign this agreement and allow Cohen & Malad, LLP to provide legal services to prosecute claims on the County's behalf against pharmaceutical companies and distributors and possibly others who, in FIRM's professional judgment, have responsibility for the damages incurred by the County as a result of the opioid epidemic created by the improper marketing and distribution of opioids.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the agreement with Cohen & Malad, LLP. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Brenda King with the Election Office came before the Commissioners with an Order Establishing Precincts. The Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State of Indiana has determined that a proposed order by the Jennings County Board of Commissioners to change certain precinct boundaries with the county would comply with state law, and the the Election Division has notified the Commissioners that precinct boundaries may be established in accordance with the county's proposed order.

The boundaries of the following existing precincts would be changed by the adoption of the county's proposed order: NV1B, NV2A, NV2B, NV3A, NV3B, NV4A, Center East, and Center West. Mrs. King stated that 661 voters will be affected and will receive proper notice.

Bob Willhite made the motion to approve and sign the Order; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Matt Sporleder asked Kitty Shepherd, Jennings County Treasurer, to give an update on the tax collection and her monthly treasurer report. Mrs. Shepherd stated that collections were going good and that the new equipment was working excellent and saving a lot of time. Mrs. Shepherd stated that the report shows them as balanced.

A bill was submitted for Bradshaw Building Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$27,650 for services, labor and equipment for the Jennings County Fairground Community Building Reconstruction.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table the payment until next meeting. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next the Auditor had received a bill from FPBH, Inc. for services on resurfacing. Matt Sporleder asked Jim Reeves about it and Mr. Reeves was unsure of the bill so he said he would research it and have an answer for the next meeting.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table the FPBH, Inc. bill on resurfacing until the next meeting; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Sherri Williams, HR Director, presented the pay scale for the County Highway employees. Base Pay years 1 through 10 would show 11/2 % increase yearly and years 11 through 20 would show a 1% increase yearly.

Bob Willhite made a motion to accept the pay scale for the County Highway as presented; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Jackson/Jennings Community Correction Board is needing to replace a board member due to lack of attendance. Matt Sporleder asked if anyone had a candidate they would like to submit and if so, to let any of the Commissioners know as soon as possible.

Sheriff Driver gave the Commissioners a report of an officer accident that has meant the totaling out of a vehicle. The car was one of the two vehicles financed and the Sheriff was wondering what the procedure would be with the insurance payment. The car was a 2016 with 20,000 miles. Matt Sporleder suggested getting with the bank and see what their procedure was as far as receiving the insurance payment.

Kitty Shepherd asked the Commissioners about moving her front counter and replacing it with the higher counter in their office. Matt Sporleder said he would get with Greg Wilds and see what could be done.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign payroll and claims; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Attest:



Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Robert Willhite



David Lane